communication network, and wherein the step of selecting the at least one memory location of the storage device is performed in response to that information being received in the at least one communication network.

22. A method for operating a communication system comprising a plurality of user communication devices, the method comprising the steps of:

initiating a call at a first one of the user communication devices, the call being placed to a second one of the user communication devices;

inserting a digital representation of an audible signal into a call signal used for placing the call;

forwarding the call signal towards the second user communication device;

in response to receiving the call signal at the second user communication device, storing the digital representation in a memory of the second user communication device and generating the audible signal based on the digital representation included in the call signal; and

deleting the digital representation from the memory of the second user communication device when the call is answered or terminated.

23. A method as set forth in claim **22**, wherein each of the user communication devices comprises one of a telephone, a radiotelephone, and a user information appliance.

24. A method as set forth in claim **22**, further comprising the steps of:

applying the audible signal to an input of a user interface of the first user communication device, and generating a corresponding analog signal in the first user communication device; and

converting the analog signal to the digital representation, wherein the inserting step is performed by inserting that digital representation in the call signal, within the user communication device.

25. A method as set forth in claim **24**, further comprising the steps of:

determining at least one acoustic characteristic of the audible signal, based on the digital representation;

comparing the at least one acoustic characteristic determined in the determining step to at least one predetermined acoustic characteristic to identify a scaling factor; and

scaling the digital representation based on the scaling factor to normalize the at least one acoustic characteristic of the audible signal.

26. A method as set forth in claim **22**, wherein the call signal includes predetermined information, and further comprising the step of determining whether the predetermined information included in the call signal corresponds to information stored in the memory of the second user communication device, in response to the call signal being received at the second user communication device, and wherein the generating step is performed in response to determining that the predetermined information does correspond to the information stored in the memory of the second user communication device.

27. A method as set forth in claim **22**, wherein the communication system also comprises at least one communication network having a storage device storing the digital representation of the audible signal, the first and second user communication devices are communicatively coupled to the at least one communication network, and the method further comprises the steps of:

prior to the inserting step, transmitting the call signal from the first user communication device, through at least a portion of the at least one communication network; and

in response to the call signal being received in the at least one communication network, retrieving the digital representation from the storage device, wherein the inserting step is performed by inserting the digital representation retrieved from the storage device in the call signal.

28. A method as set forth in claim **27**, wherein the at least one communication network includes at least a portion of the Internet.

29. A communication system, comprising:

a first user communication device comprising a first communication interface, an input user interface, and a controller coupled to the first communication interface and the input user interface, the controller being responsive to receiving from the input user interface request information specifying that a call be placed from the first user communication device and requesting retrieval of a digital version of an audible signal from a service provider database and for forwarding a call signal that includes the request information through an external interface coupled to the first communication interface; and

a second user communication device comprising a second communication interface coupled to the external interface, and an audible signal generator portion coupled to the second communication interface, wherein the audible signal generator portion is responsive to receiving the digital version from the second communication interface for generating the audible signal based on the digital representation included in the call signal;

wherein the service provider storage device stores the digital version of the audio signal in a memory location associated with the second user communication device.

30. A communication system as set forth in claim **29**, wherein each of the first and second user communication devices comprises one of a telephone, a radiotelephone, and a user information appliance.

31. A communication system as set forth in claim **29**, wherein the call signal includes predetermined information, the second user communication device also comprises a memory, and the audible signal generator portion is responsive to receiving the call signal for determining whether the predetermined information included in the call signal corresponds to information stored in the memory of the second user communication device, and generates the audible signal in response to determining that the predetermined information does correspond to the information stored in the memory of the second user communication device.

32. A communication system, comprising:

a first user communication device, comprising a first communication interface, an input user interface, and a controller coupled to the first communication interface and the input user interface, the controller being responsive to receiving from the input user interface information specifying that a call be placed from the first user communication device and that a digital representation of at least one audible signal be retrieved from a storage device, for forwarding a call signal through the first communication interface;

at least one communication network, having a second communication interface coupled to the first communication interface of said first user communication device, and also having a third communication interface, said at least one communication network comprising a message station and the storage device coupled to the message station, wherein the storage device stores the digital representation of the at least one audible signal, and the message station is responsive to receiving the call signal for (a) retrieving the digital representation from the stor-